

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Dorchester Relief Society

(FOUNDED 1879. INCORPORATED 1904.)

AND THE

**Dorchester Conference
of Associated Charities**

For the Year Ending September 30, 1906.

DORCHESTER
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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF

The Dorchester Relief Society

Incorporated November 8, 1904

The Dorchester Relief Society has to report an increase of families aided this year, over any previous year. One hundred have received much needed assistance, in fuel, food, clothing, medicine and articles for the sick room. Through the work of the District Nurse many families have been made known, who were in need, during illness, of nourishing and special food which the bread winner could not obtain.

Thirty physicians have called for the services of the Nurse and the demands upon her time have been so frequent, a second nurse has been sent, at times, from the District Nurse Association. We make an urgent appeal for the continuance of a Nurse in Dorchester; to dispense with her services would be a misfortune too great to contemplate.

The Dorchester Relief Society has co-operated with the Associated Charities in responding as far as its means would permit, to the demand made for aid in families in the care of that Society.

The care of old persons without children, has been the special work of this society. An old blind woman is being boarded in a private family where careful attention to her comfort is given. The thought of ending her life in a city institution was so painful to her, that much time has been spent in securing sufficient funds for this plan.

A family has been much relieved by the placing of an insane man in an asylum, and an old woman suffering from the morphine habit has been placed in a suitable hospital.

Several patients with tuberculosis have been boarded in Rutland and cared for at home.

The Cooking Class has been beneficial to those who have attended; a kitchen was provided through the generosity of Gordon House.

Last July a new branch of work was undertaken, and a Dispensary was opened, Gordon House again providing a central

place for its accommodation. A Board of Management was elected and four young physicians offered their services, and those who apply for medical advice are carefully looked up and it is made plain to them that only those who cannot afford to pay a physician are expected to visit the Dispensary.

When it is found that a patient is unable to procure the medicine prescribed this Society is ready to supply it, and articles are supplied from the closet of the District Nurse.

There are few of the working people who can take vacations; to some of these car tickets and tickets for harbor trips have been distributed and very gratefully received.

Children from two of our public schools sent offerings for Thanksgiving dinners for us to distribute; twenty families were the recipients. Christmas we are enabled to brighten many homes by gifts of toys, clothing and food, and at Easter the sick are especially remembered, thanks to kind friends.

Occasionally small loans are made for the purchase of necessities, to families temporarily destitute, and for the fitting out of persons going to institutions; with few exceptions these loans have been repaid.

Women frequently apply for work by the hour or day. The Agent is often unable to supply this work. If those seeking workers would apply to this office it would be helpful.

We earnestly appeal for contributions of money, clothing, and the interest of the community, without which we are powerless.

A card sent to the Relief Society, 204 Adams Street, stating where clothing may be *called for*, will receive prompt attention.

S. FRANK KING NASH, *Clerk*.

OFFICERS, 1906 - 1907.

of DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY (Incorporated)

RICHARD C. HUMPHREYS, *President*,
49 Humphreys Street, Dorchester.

MRS. CHARLES L. BRIGHAM, *Vice-President*,

MRS. S. FRANK KING NASH, *Clerk*,
23 Everett Street, Dorchester.

Agent.

MISS H. EUGENIA BRUCE,
204 Adams Street, Field's Corner, Dorchester. Hours, 10 A.M. to 11 A.M.
CLARENCE B. HUMPHREYS, *Treasurer*, 49 Humphreys Street.
MISS CHARLOTTE E. CALDWELL, *Assistant Treasurer*, 45 Alban Street.
AUGUSTUS NICKERSON, *Auditor*.
CHARLES L. CARR, *Counsel*.

Trustees of Permanent Funds.

RICHARD C. HUMPHREYS. *Term expires 1907.*
GEORGE G. BRADFORD. *Term expires 1909.*
STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN. *Term expires 1908.*

Executive Committee.

Mrs. E. T. HORNE.	ROBERT T. SWAN.
ROBERT H. MAGWOOD.	EDWARD B. WILDER.
Mrs. T. E. RUGGLES.	LABAN PRATT.
Rev. GEORGE L. PAINE.	Miss C. S. CALLENDER.
Mrs. J. EDWIN SWAN.	CHARLES L. CARR.
*FRANK K. NASH, Harrison Square.	*STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN, Ashmont.
*WILLIAM Q. WALES, Mt. Bowdoin.	*FRANK L. YOUNG, Ashmont.
*GEORGE G. BRADFORD, Uphams Corner.	

*Members of Finance Committee.

"PERMANENT FUNDS."

Martha Clapp Fund	\$ 100.00
Mrs. Martha A. Foster Fund	1,000.00
Mary Ann Humphreys Fund	1,279.75
Life Membership:	
Stephen H. Whidden	100.00
General Fund	35.00
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Principal	\$2,514.75
Unexpended Income	106.71
Total	<hr/>
	\$2,621.46
Investments:	
Central Vermont Railway Co. 4 per cent Bonds,	
par value \$1,500	\$1,200.00
United Electric Security Co., 18th Series @ par	1,000.00
Dorchester Savings Bank	168.56
Franklin Savings Bank	252.90
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	\$2,621.46

Respectfully Submitted,

RICHARD C. HUMPHREYS	}	Trustees of Permanent Funds.
GEORGE G. BRADFORD		
STEPHEN H. WHIDDEN		

Treasurer's Report for the year ending September 30, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance	\$ 21.56	
Balance District Nurse	250.00	\$ 271.56
Contributions	\$1,098.92	
Contributions, Special	691.84	1,790.76
Contributions for District Nurse		580.00
Contributions for Associated Charities		176.00
Contributions for Permanent Fund		10.00
Contributions for Dispensary		207.00
Income from Investments		120.00
Interest (inc. int. Fuel Fund)		10.75
Associated Charities for Janitor		15.00
Associated Charities account Expenses		23.25
Loans repaid		10.51
Miscellaneous		2.60
		<u>\$3,217.43</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Aid:

Groceries, Milk, etc.	\$443.57	
Medicines, Nursing, etc.	14.16	
Shoes, Clothing, etc.	70.44	
Fuel	118.60	
Cash, Loans, etc.	27.35	
Board	579.77	
Miscellaneous (including Hallett funeral \$54.00)	110.07	\$1,363.96

Current Expenses:

Salary Agent	\$325.00	
Janitor	28.50	
Rent and Care of Office	105.25	
Postage, Printing, and Stationery	103.28	
Telephone and Car fares	34.30	
Miscellaneous	1.89	598.22

Remittance of Contribution to Associated Charities

as above		176.00
Remittance to Instructive District Nursing Association		601.50
To Trustee of Permanent Funds		10.00
Expense of Dispensary		20.00
Balance to Credit District Nurse Account	\$228.50	
Balance to Credit Dispensary Account	187.00	
Balance of Cash	32.25	447.75

\$3,217.43

Balance of Fuel Fund deposited in Dorchester		
Savings Bank . . . . .	.	\$197.53
Accrued Interest (less \$10.00 withdrawn) . . . . .	.	7.85 \$205.38

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE B. HUMPHREYS, Treasurer.

October 1, 1906.

BOSTON, MASS., October 15, 1906.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurers of the Society for the year ending September 30, 1906. That all payments are properly vouched for; all receipts appear to be correctly entered and that the balance as shown by the Treasurer's report was on deposit at the City Trust Company, \$422.60, and balance of the Fuel Fund, \$205.38 was on deposit with the Dorchester Savings Bank, book number 5651.

I find that the Trustees of the Permanent Fund have the following securities in their possession:

Bank book No 3750, Dorchester Savings Bank,	
showing balance of	\$ 168.56
Bank book No. 75383, of the Franklin Savings Bank,	
showing balance of	252.90
Bond No. 9718 Central Vermont R. R. Co. for	1,000.00
Bond No. 8305 Central Vermont R. R. Co. for	500.00
Bond No. 2372 United Electric Security Company for	1,000.00

Very respectfully,

AUGUSTUS NICKERSON,

Fellow of the Incorporated Public Accountants of Massachusetts.

THE DORCHESTER DISTRICT NURSE.

Since November 9, 1905, when she began her work, Dorchester has supported a District Nurse, one of the staff of the Instructive District Nursing Association of Boston. In eleven months she has made more than 2,000 calls, an average of 200 a month and representing 164 cases, some of these having been visited a great many times. A Dispensary was opened at Gordon House on July 17 and here the nurse assists the physician during the hours on two mornings each week when it is open.

The good that the work of the District Nurse accomplishes can hardly be overestimated. Patients and doctors alike are learning its value.

Aged men and women, mothers, young and older boys, girls and infants have been alike ministered to under a physician's orders.

It is not only a work of relief in sickness, of arresting of contagion, it is instructive, sympathetic and humane, raising the standard of cleanliness and health in a whole neighborhood and bringing thereby a better moral atmosphere. One grateful relative of a young girl dying of tuberculosis, to whom our nurse had been most kind, giving much alleviation and comfort, said "It is the greatest thing that was ever got up."

Many patients are ready and glad to pay small amounts of money in return for the services rendered and when able to do so, it is expected. All that is thus received is given to the Association.

The amount of money needed to support a nurse another year is \$1,000. This includes, salary, uniform, bag with furnishings, car fares, telephones, rent of room for use of nurse, keeping supplies and articles to loan.

THE DORCHESTER FREE DISPENSARY.

In May, 1906, a movement was started to raise money for a Dispensary for the poor of Dorchester, under the auspices of the Dorchester Relief Society. A Committee was appointed by the Society to organize and direct the work of the proposed Dispensary. This Committee consisted of Dr. Daniel D. Gilbert, Dr. Samuel Crowell, Dr. Hannah G. Myrick and Mr. George G. Bradford.

The need of a free Dispensary in the community was clearly

evident and it was decided to begin the work with as little delay as possible, although the sum of money then available was entirely inadequate for the continuance of the undertaking.

A Board of Trustees was appointed as follows:

Medical Committee.

DR. DANIEL D. GILBERT, *Chairman.* DR. HENRY C. TOWLE.
DR. SAMUEL CROWELL, DR. HANNAH G. MYRICK

Representatives of the Dorchester Relief Society.

MR. RICHARD C. HUMPHREYS. MR. GEORGE G. BRADFORD.

Representative of the Dorchester Conference of Associated Charities.

MRS. C. F. LANG.

The following appointments were made for the position of Visiting Physician, each physician to serve three months:

DR. M. H. A. EVANS. DR. F. W. SLEEPER.
DR. H. B. LANG. DR. J. A. REILLY.

Two rooms were generously offered by Gordon House, Field's Corner, to be used as a Dispensary two mornings a week.

The Dispensary was opened for the first time on July 17, 1906. Clinics were held on successive Tuesday and Friday mornings from that date with a steady increase in the number of patients applying for treatment. From July 17 to September 28 there were seventy-one different patients treated, many of these returning several times.

The Dispensary is for those only who are unable to pay anything for medical advice, and an investigation is made by the Agent of the Relief Society of any case where there is reason to expect possible abuse of medical charity.

Already in this short time the need of such a Dispensary has been well demonstrated. More and larger rooms are a necessity, and the attending physicians are much hampered in their work by the need of instruments, furnishings, etc.

Contributions of bandages, instruments, etc., are much needed and are earnestly asked for.

Only a small part of the money necessary to carry on this work has been raised and it is earnestly hoped that more will be contributed in the near future in order to continue the work throughout the year.

The Dispensary has moved to rooms over the drug store of Connolly & Davis, 1436 Dorchester Avenue, Field's Corner, Dorchester.

Donations for the District Nurse.

Bates, George P.	\$ 10 00
Bean, J. Henry	6.00
Benevolent Society, First Parish	5.00
Billings, R. H.	3.00
Bradford, Mrs. George G.	2.00
Brigham, Mrs. F. E.	10.00
Bufford, Mrs. J. H.	10.00
Cutter, F. W.	5.00
Denton, Miss Susan E.	5.00
Dorchester Woman's Club	50.00
"Do thy little work" King's Daughters	5.00
Eddy, Miss Lydia H.	1.00
Farwell, Mrs. E. S.	1.00
Field, J. W.	5.00
"Friend to Sick Poor"	50.00
Hall, Henry L.	10.00
Hall, Miss Mary L.	5.00
Hanson, Mrs. A. S.	7.00
Hearsey, Miss S. E.	15.00
Howe, Miss E. L.	1.00
Humphreys, Miss Anna	5.00
Humphreys, James H.	5.00
Humphreys, C. B.	5.00
Humphreys, R. C.	20.00
Jaynes, Charles P.	35.00
King, Theodore W.	25.00
Moseley, Charles H.	15.00
Moseley, Mrs. M. L.	10.00
Myrick, Miss Alice T.	5.00
Nash, Mrs. F. K.	35.00
North, Mrs. F. O.	3.00
Paine, Rev. George L.	5.00
Parish Aid Society, St. Mary's Church	5.00
Peters, Dr. E. D.	5.00
Pierce, Miss H. M.	10.00
Pierce, J. Homer	15.00
Pierce, Miss M. E.	2.00
Pratt, Laban	25.00
Reed, Mrs. George M.	2.00
Richardson, Charles O.	10.00
Rogers, Miss C. W.	.50
"S"	5.00
"Saturday Morning Sunshine Branch"	20.00
Sayward, Mrs. W. H.	2.00
Sharp, E. H.	5.00
Shumway, Mrs. Mary T.	2.00
Silsbee, Mrs. G. D.	1.00

Skinner, Mrs. Ernest . . . . .	.50
Snow, Mrs. F. B.	5.00
Snow, George W.	10.00
Swan, Elizabeth B.	2.00
Verdande Club	5.00
Wednesday Morning Sewing Club, First Parish	10.00
Whitcher, Mrs. F. E.	2.00
Whittemore, Rev. C. T.	50.00
Woman's Alliance, Channing Church	2.00
Young, Frank L.	10.00
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	\$580.00

For Dispensary.

Bradford, Mrs. Cornelia H.	\$ 5.00
Burnham, Mrs. Charles	5.00
Cutter, F. W.	5.00
Ellsworth, Mrs. J. D.	25.00
Ellsworth, Dr. S. W.	5.00
Faxon, Mrs. H. M.	25.00
Friend to Sick Poor	50.00
Glover, Nathan H.	5.00
Hearsey, Miss S. E.	10.00
Johnson, Mrs. L. F.	1.00
King, Theodore W.	10.00
Morss, Daniel D.	5.00
Nash, F. K.	10.00
Nash, Mrs. F. K.	10.00
Noyes, Miss M. E.	10.00
Pierce, J. Homer	5.00
Sayward, Mrs. W. H.	1.00
Sewing Club, Savin Hill	5.00
Snow, George W.	5.00
Swan, Arthur R.	5.00
Swan, Miss E. B.	5.00
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	\$207.00

Annual Subscriptions and Donations for Dorchester Relief Society from October 1, 1905 to September 30, 1906.

Please notify the Treasurer of any errors or omissions.

Arakelyan, Mr. and Mrs. J. J.\$	7.00	Lee, Mrs. L. M.	2.00
Baldwin, Charles H.	5.00	Lewis, Mrs. E. J.	2.00
Baldwin, Mrs. C. H.	5.00	Morss, Daniel D.	5.00
Bates, Henry L.	2.00	Nash, Frank K.	30.00
Bates, George P.	10.00	Nash, Mrs. Frank K.	35.00
Barnard, Mrs. Mary C. E.	10.00	Nightingale, Mrs. Crawford	10.00
Bean, J. Henry	4.00	Noyes, Miss Mary E.	10.00
Bellamy, Mrs. William	5.00	Paine, Rev. George L.	20.00
Bolles, Mrs. H. Eugene	10.00	Parish Aid Society, St. Mary's	
Boynton, W. Herbert	5.00	Church	5.00
Bradford, Miss A. A.	2.00	Perry, Arthur D.	10.00
Bradford, Mrs. Cornelia H.	8.00	Peters, Dr. E. D.	10.00
Brewer, Mrs. Joseph	10.00	Pettee, Benjamin	5.00
Brigham, Mrs. F. E.	10.00	Pierce, J. Homer	20.00
Caldwell, Miss C. E.	2.00	Pierce, Miss Henrietta M.	10.00
Callender, Miss Caroline S.	5.00	Pratt, Laban	35.00
Callender, Mrs. Henry (in mem- ory of)	10.00	Reed, Mrs. George M.	3.00
Capen, Edward N.	5.00	Ruggles, Mrs. T. E.	5.00
Carruth, Miss Ellen	3.00	"S Annual"	10.00
"Cash"	1.00	Sawyer, Henry N.	10.00
Churchill, J. R.	3.00	Sayward, Mrs. William H.	5.00
Churchill, Mrs. J. R.	2.00	Second Church	75.42
Collins, Charles H.	10.00	Second Church Sunday School ..	10.00
Copeland, Mrs. William A.	5.00	Shepard, Walter	10.00
Cushing, Miss Susan T.	3.00	Shumway, Mrs. Mary T.	4.00
Cutter, Frank W.	15.00	Soule, Mrs. E. P.	3.00
Cutter, Mrs. Frank W.	10.00	Snow, Mrs. F. B.	4.00
Cutter, W. H.	10.00	Snow, George W.	10.00
Denton, Miss S. E.	7.00	Stearns, Fred. P.	15.00
Dorchester Woman's Club	25.00	Stowell, Mrs. A. E.	5.00
Downes, Mrs. Frederick O.	1.00	Swan, Arthur R.	5.00
Eastman, Mrs. M. Y.	5.00	Swan, Elizabeth B.	5.00
Eastman, E. F.	5.00	Swan, Mrs. J. Edwin	5.00
Eastman, George A.	5.00	Teachers of Harbor View School	4.00
Eddy, Miss Lydia H.	2.00	Torrey, Elbridge	50.00
Estabrook, Mrs. G. W.	2.00	Turner, Major William H.	10.00
Everett, Mrs. William B.	2.00	Turner, Mrs. William H.	15.00
Farwell, Mrs. Edward S.	1.00	Union Service Thanksgiving	
Frost, George H.	25.00	Day, Stoughton St. Baptist	
Goodspeed, C. F.	10.00	Church	18.50
Griswold, Mrs. Henry A.	1.00	Wales, William Q.	10.00
Hall, Henry	5.00	Walker, Frederick L.	2.00
Hall, Mrs. Solomon	10.00	Weis, Mrs. Mary C.	2.00
Hanson, Mrs. A. S.	4.00	Whidden, Stephen H.	25.00
Hardwick, B. C.	25.00	Whitcher, Mrs. F. E.	1.00
Hearsey, Miss S. E.	10.00	Wilder, Edward B.	5.00
Hoit, Mrs. A. H.	1.00	Wood, Frank	50.00
Howe, Edward J.	20.00	Wood, Mrs. William A.	5.00
Humphreys, Miss Anna	5.00	Wright, Mrs. Charles P.	15.00
Humphreys, Clarence B.	35.00	Young, Frank L.	15.00
Humphreys, James H.	10.00	Young, J. A.	5.00
Humphreys, Richard C.	70.00		
Jaynes, Charles P.	10.00		
			\$1,098.92

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Thursday Morning Fortnightly Club	25.00
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Contributions collected by Agent	366.84
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\$691.84

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
Dorchester Conference of Associated Charities
1905 - 1906
DORCHESTER
CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT 4

We have in our district very few delinquents, boys and girls who have actually been arrested for crime, and no chronic offenders. More children of parents born in Canada and the Provinces than those born in England, Scotland and Ireland, combined, have been helped in various ways by our visitors. The following instances have come under our observation where continued aid has sapped the spirit of independence. When inquiries were being made about a family that had been the recipient of aid the mother appeared before the Executive Committee with this plea: "Why can't I have more coal and groceries? My grandfather received lots of help for years, and there wa'n't no fuss made about it; and my mother, why she didn't have to work half as hard as I do, for, when she wanted help, all she had to do was to ask for it." Again, one of our visitors reports a case that has come under his personal observation. A woman whose mother and grandmother had received aid from churches and benevolent individuals is now the recipient of aid from a church and from several benevolent individuals, and she receives it all as her right without any apparent compunction.

In listening to the reports of visitors, we find that many of the parents are not willing to make personal sacrifices for the benefit of their children. They want the three dollars per week from the child, and insist upon his taking a position with no good prospect for the future rather than a place with very good prospects at two dollars per week. The great majority of our children are under fourteen years of age, and, with the exception of a few truants, have a good outlook for the future.

Our statistical report this year does not show the vast amount of hard work that has been done by our faithful and courageous visitors. I say courageous, for it requires a great amount of courage and persistency to work on, week in and week out, and see, for a time, little

apparently accomplished. But, as we look back over twenty-six years of unremitting labor, we see the changes that have resulted. The poor live in better tenements, and the motto, "Not alms, but a friend," is understood and practised far more generally by charitably disposed persons. On the whole, we feel sure that our work has not been in vain, that the principles upon which we have labored are fundamental, and that there is a higher standard of living and a greater self-respect among the poor of Dorchester than formerly.

OFFICERS, 1906 = 1907.

JOHN F. MOORS, *President*.

REV. GEORGE LYMAN PAINE, RICHARD C. HUMPHREYS, MRS. S. FRANK KING NASH, REV. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES,	}	<i>Vice-Presidents.</i>
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MISS OLIVE L. CHASE, *Clerk*, 69 Pleasant Street, Dorchester.

ROBERT H. MAGWOOD, *Financial Secretary*,
63 Vinson Street, Dorchester.

District Secretary.

MISS KATHARINE P. HEWINS,
584 Columbia Road, Room 210, Uphams Corner, Dorchester.
Hours, 11 A.M. to 12.30 P.M.

Executive Committee.

MRS. C. L. BRIGHAM, MISS M. E. NOYES, MRS. J. EDWIN SWAN, MRS. T. E. RUGGLES, MRS. LABAN PRATT, MISS CHARLOTTE E. CALDWELL, GEORGE G. BRADFORD, NICHOLAS BROWN,	MRS. WILLIAM A. WOOD, DR. WILLIAM C. EMERY, MRS. E. T. HORNE, EDWARD B. WILDER, MRS. C. F. LANG, MRS. MCHENRY ROBINSON, CHARLES L. CARR, REV. W. W. EVERTS, MRS. Z. F. JOHNSON.
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Honorary Counsel.

JOSEPH R. CHURCHILL, CHARLES L. CARR.	GILBERT F. ORDWAY,
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Report of Financial Secretary of Dorchester (District 4)
Associated Charities, for the Year Ending
September 30, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Thanksgiving Collection, Baptist Church	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$	9.00
Frank K. Nash	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		5.00
Laban Pratt	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		15.00
Rev. George L. Paine	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		10.00
Anonymous	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		1.00
"S. Annual"	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		25.00
R. C. Humphreys	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		30.00
C. B. Humphreys	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		10.00
J. H. Humphreys	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		5.00
Miss Anna Humphreys	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		5.00
Mrs. E. E. Whitcomb	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		1.00
Mrs. Frank King Nash	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		35.00
J. Homer Pierce	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		10.00
Fred. P. Stearns	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		10.00
Village Church Union Service	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		4.89
F. B. Snow	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		5.00
M. L. Bradford	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		20.00
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$	200.89
Income from Funds	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		70.33
												\$271.22
Deficit	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		633.22
												\$904.44

EXPENDITURES.

Salary	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		\$600.00
Rent of Office	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		134.00
Other Items, (Printing, Stationery, Postage, etc.)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		170.44
Total,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		\$904.44

ROBERT H. MAGWOOD, Financial Secretary.

DORCHESTER RELIEF SOCIETY

ORGANIZED TO CO-OPERATE WITH

Dorchester Conference of Associated Charities

PURPOSE:

To provide relief and, if possible, employment for the worthy poor of Dorchester, and to help them to become self-supporting.

To make it possible for the Associated Charities.

To protect the community from beggars and impostors, and

To prevent the increase of pauperism.

ADDRESS:

204 Adams Street, Field's Corner.

HOURS:

10 to 11 A.M. daily.